Centralised Authority for Planning, Promotion and Management ot Growth Centres in backward areas

1310. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special task force on backward area development of the Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry has advocated a centralised authority for plan. ning, promotion and management of growth centres in backward areas;

(b) if so, whether the task froce has since submitted their plans etc. to the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN j THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM); (a) to (c) Various suggestions are received by Government from time to time relating to planning[1], promotion and management •of growth centres. These suggestions are given due consideration.

Scope of modernisation and technological upgradation of small scale units

1311. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether the PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) has urged Government to revie^ the i definition of small scale units in ensure scope of modernisation and tech- , nological upgradation;

(b) if so, whether Government have .since considered the suggestion; and

(c) if so, what are the details there, of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Punjab, Haryana & Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry submitted an agenda to the Office of Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industry) in connection with a meeting. One of the points in the agenda related to review of the definition of Small Scale Industries.

(b) and (c) The Government receives from time to time suggestions from various Chambers of Commerce and associations on matters pertaining to small scale industries, including revision of investment limits. These are kept in view while taking a decision.

Cooking gas supply hampered due to floods in Punjab

1312. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether due to the recent floods in Punjab, a large number of cities have been hampered of the cooking gas supply;

(b) if so, what are the details of the cities in Punjab which have been affected in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to bring normal supply of results to consumers in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cities in Punjab which were affected in this regard are as follows:

Kapurthala
Sirhind
Ludhiana
Sangrur
Phagwara
Moga

Abohar
Tarantaran
Rampuraphul
Mandi Gobindgarh
Khanna
Gidderbabha
Mohali
Patiala
Samana
Hoshiarpur
Dhuri
Barnala
Urma$_r$ Tanda
Bassipathana
Gurdaspur
Malaout
Muktsar
Mukerian
Bhatinda
Sunam
Banga
Faridkot
Amritsar
Mansa
Rajpura
Fazilka
Malerkotla
Nabha
Nangal
Ferozpur
Jalandhar
Nawasaha$_r$
Kotkapura
Pathankot
Ropar
Batala
Jagraon.

(c) With the measures already initiated, the situation has since considerably improved. The supply position is being closely monitored by th$_e$ oil industry with a vie$_w$ to ensuring regular LPG supplies to consumers in the State.

Growth centres for Punjab to industrialise the State

1313. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; Will th$_e$ Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to set up three growth centres for Punjab under its scheme to industrialise the State;

(b) if so, the location$_s$ where these growth centres would be set up in Punjab; and

(c) to what extent the growth of industries in the Stat$_e$ will be boosted as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (?) In the first phase, it ha$_s$ been decided to set up tw$_0$ growth centres in Punjab. The growth centres will be identified in consultation with th$_e$ State Governments concerned. It is expected that growth centres would act as the magnet fo$_r$ attracting industries and once developed will give a fillip to the industrialisation of the State.

Steps to remove the industrial backwardness in Madhya Pradesh

1314. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it i$_s$ a fact that Madhya Pradesh i$_s$ industrially backward as compared to other larger States of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of industrial backwardness of Madhya Pradesh;

(c) what step$_s$ ha$_v$e been taken by Government to remove the regional imbalances in the industrial development of Madhya Pradesh; and